

and intermediate weapons. The jump to lethal force needs to be fully reviewed and investigated. At present, it does not appear justified. If there is justification, release the evidence now.

One law enforcement expert I talked to described this as lying in wait to shoot someone and a criminal offense. This was not acceptable police work. I reject the comment that one must either support every police officer 100 percent of the time or be “against” law enforcement, or to quote my colleague, to “smear” all police officers everywhere. Such notions are not worthy of serious discussion. I put my record of support for law enforcement up for comparison to anyone. But support need not be blind . . . or stupid. I can take issue with a bad cop. I can take issue with a bad killing. To see this swept under the rug under some false pretext of “he was protecting Congress” is as ridiculous as it is insulting. Using that logic, no police officer would ever be challenged on any killing—“He was trying to uphold the law.” Using this logic, that would end the inquiry. That is not how our laws work.

Life is not that simple. The law of self-defense and the defense of others is based on the circumstances. Was the attacker armed? Did the officer have time to use non-lethal force? Was there backup? Was the suspect warned or commanded? What exactly was the risk? Trespassing risk is different than a risk of assault or murder. In this case, Ashli may or may not have been trespassing. I say this only because depending on what door she went through, some of the people in the Capitol on January 6th were literally invited in by the guards. But assuming she was trespassing, did she pose an imminent risk of death to the officer or someone else? This unarmed 110-pound woman, who was draped in a flag and trying to climb a window? Why did the Officer wait 14 seconds to shoot all the while aiming at her? Why did he not audibly warn her? Why didn't he step out of his hiding place and confront her? Or use a taser? Or a baton? Or simply push her back out?

These issues, and the professional opinion of a law enforcement expert, lead to the conclusion that the officer that shot Ashli Babbitt was lying in wait, hid for 14 seconds, then used lethal force to kill an unarmed, non-threatening woman. If that is true, then no way does this constitute a lawful killing. The fact that some members think it is acceptable police work, and call me a liar for pointing out these so far undisputed facts, reflects more on naked hatred for the truth than a love of transparency and honesty. If anyone thinks this is good police work, release all the evidence so we can discuss it. I stand by my concerns, and my questions, and I stand with the American people who demand answers.

HONORING HAMDEN HEROES DAY  
2021

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, over the course of the last fifteen months, our commu-

nities and our constituents have faced the unique challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. We have ensured the biggest health and economic crisis our country has seen in a century. What has inspired me most as we have navigated this pandemic has been the unyielding fortitude of our communities and the commitment and dedication of our frontline workers. That is why I was so honored to have been invited to join Hamden Heroes Day where the community gathered to express its thanks and appreciation to the frontline workers who live in and/or work for the Town.

Connecticut was hit harder than most as COVID-19 spread across New England before it reached many other parts of the country. Over 8,000 Connecticut residents died during this pandemic. Nearly 350,000 have been infected, many of whom are our frontline workers. This year, the Hamden Heroes Committee decided to pay tribute to the frontline workers in their community—our police, fire and emergency medical response personnel; our health department and public works employees; our teachers, nurses, and doctors; our gas station attendants, grocery workers, and convenience store workers; our certified nurse assistants and all those who provide care for those in the community who are older; our childcare providers who help struggling families to make ends meet; and our farmers and food distribution staff who literally are the ones putting food on our tables. Despite the risks, these frontline workers showed up and did their jobs while many of us worked comfortably from home.

These past fifteen months have been extremely challenging, but their dedication to their jobs and the Hamden community never wavered. Every day, they got up and committed their time and talent to serve the people of Hamden. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed. They have my gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for all they do, and we are deeply grateful for all their sacrifices. Their selfless and courageous service helped make it possible for us to get through these tough times. For that, and so much more, we thank them.

At the conclusion of the event, the Hamden Heroes Committee made a request of the elected officials that attended the event. They asked for the day to be declared “Hamden Heroes Day” and their elected leaders help spread the word to other communities in the hopes that they too will join in thanking the essential workers. It is my hope that by honoring Hamden Heroes Day, I can do some small part in encouraging communities across the Nation to come together as well.

BARRY'S BUNS

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Barry's Buns, and its owners Joel and Jen Singer. Barry's Buns just opened a new location in Wildwood Crest in South Jersey, and I was able to meet with Joel and Jen and attend the grand opening. The inspiration for the name “Barry's Buns” comes from Joel,

who's middle name is Barry. He also says that he was born to be a baker. Joel has always wanted to have his own bakery, and when he was just 14 years old, he started his own cheesecake business. He graduated with a degree in Pastry Arts and was the Assistant Pastry Chef at the Rittenhouse Hotel. Joel drew inspiration to open up his own business from his father, who before his passing had his own farmers style market. Joel developed a passion for customer service from watching his dad, and when a location opened up in Pennsylvania, he knew it was time to start his own bakery. Jen handles the business side of Barry's Buns and its day-to-day operations. Now, Joel and Jen own two locations, and I know that South Jersey will continue to provide overwhelming support for Barry's Buns. God Bless Joel and Jen and God Bless America.

HONORING THE LIFE AND DEDICATED SERVICE OF KATHLEEN “KITTY” HILL KUNZ OF BOISE, IDAHO

**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2021*

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kathleen “Kitty” Hill Kunz. Kitty worked as my regional director in Pocatello, Idaho. Kitty always had a smile and a compliment for everyone. She was cheerful and hard working even as she battled an incurable cancer for many years. Kitty raised five beautiful children with her husband Kent Kunz in Pocatello and later they moved to Boise.

She was politically active and her love for our country ran deep. She worked for three Congressmen, ran numerous campaigns, and served as an attaché at the Idaho State Legislature. She was active in Republican groups both in Pocatello and Boise and served for a decade as the secretary of the Idaho Republican Central Committee. She also served faithfully as president of the Idaho Federation of Republican Women. She helped found the Connor Academy in Pocatello, which is named after her grandson, and served as a member of the Idaho Charter School Commission.

When she was diagnosed with cancer, she said she wanted to get a red Mustang convertible and visit as many national parks as possible. Kitty did just that and she and Kent visited almost every national park in the western United States.

Her cheerful disposition, smile, laugh, and hugs will be treasured memories for all who knew her. She served her family, country, and the second congressional district of Idaho for many years.

My wife, Kathy and I, offer our deepest sympathies to Kitty's family, friends, and loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement. I will forever be grateful for Kitty's tireless service. Truly, so many of us are better people for having known Kitty Kunz. We will miss her, but know her good work continues in heaven.